



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Brad Beaver  
IL Department of Agriculture  
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State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, IL 62794

RE: Diel Farms  
IDNR Project #1500861  
County: Richland

Dear Mr. Beaver:

This letter concerns the consultation for construction of a swine livestock waste handling facility in Richland County, Township 2 North, Range 9 East, Section 16. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

Taylor Branch drains the project location, and empties into the Little Wabash River, which is listed on the Illinois Natural Area Inventory (INAI). Because of this hydraulic connection, extreme caution must be used in the storage and handling of livestock waste at this location. The Department recommends strict adherence to a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, as well as a Spill Response Plan and any reporting requirements set forth by the Livestock Management Facilities Act in the event of a spill. Further, the Department reiterates the need to strictly follow the "Provisions for Waste Application" when applying livestock waste to local agricultural fields and suggests a 15-foot wide riparian buffer strip of native vegetation on both sides of any waterway to absorb excess nutrients.

In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

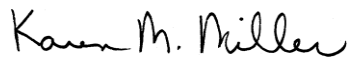
Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is terminated. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within

two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'M'.

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